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# CRESTVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Monday, February 12**: Crestview Neighborhood Association Meeting. 7:00 PM at Crestview United Methodist Church, 1300 Morrow Street. Agenda: Discuss and vote on approving funds for Community Not Commodity (CNC) and local neighborhood efforts to complement CNC's work to put CodeNEXT up for a citywide vote.

**Thursday, February 22**: Brentwood Elementary School Welcome Walk. 9:00 AM. Contact Brentwood Elementary School at 512-414-2039 for more information.

**Saturday, March 3**: Friends of Brentwood Park Spring Work Day. See article for more information.

**Saturday, March 3**: Sunshine Gardens Spring Plant Sale. 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 4814 Sunshine Dr. Organic & Heirloom Plants: Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplants, Herbs, Ornamentals & More! Live Music. www.sunshinecommunitygardens.org

**Sunday, March 4**: Violet Crown Car Show. See article for more information.

### Announcements

Rosalee Rawlinson, Crestview resident since 1955 and CNA member since 1983, passed away on December 21, 2017. Rosalee and her husband Edell were active in many Association pursuits, most notably library issues.

David Glenn Cooke, Jr, longtime Crestview resident and CNA member since its formation in 1982, passed away on December 27, 2017. Our condolences to his family and many friends. He will be sorely missed.

William "Bill" Ganem, passed away on January 10, 2018. He was known for his generous nature and big heart as he never turned down anyone in need.

## Why Save Our Springs Supports Community Not Commodity and Opposes CodeNEXT

By Bill Bunch, Executive Director, Save Our Springs Alliance

If you follow Community Not Commodity, you've heard how CodeNEXT would be bad for Austin's middle-class families, bad for our local schools, and bad for the city's already-congested traffic.

It could also hurt Austin's natural environment in irreversible ways. That's why Save Our Springs Alliance (SOS) has joined Community Not Commodity in demanding that the City of Austin hit "pause" on the CodeNEXT process, as the Austin American-Statesman's editorial board recently suggested. It's time for our city council members to step back, speak to their constituents, and come up with a smarter, more environmentally sound plan for growth.

Unlike CodeNEXT, that plan must be designed with Austin residents in mind, not profit-driven land developers. Austin already has large-scale flooding problems in the Onion and Shoal Creek watersheds, and localized flooding spread all over town. Our pipes and drainage ways cannot handle a greater burden than they shoulder now—but that's exactly what may come with runaway development in Central Austin, which is what CodeNEXT will foster.

CodeNEXT has a handful of environmentalist supporters, but their logic is upside-down. Walkability and bike-friendly development can obviously benefit the environment, but not if sprawling subdivisions continue going up at a breakneck pace in the suburbs—and not if it displaces thousands of longtime residents in our city's central core. CodeNEXT will encourage both.

We can't afford to get this wrong. Look to Houston: The catastrophic flooding and toxic runoff that we've seen in that community was caused by that city's infamously inadequate zoning laws, and City of Austin officials have openly admitted they do not have enough data to know whether the densification plan built into CodeNEXT carries the same risks.

Our city staff and council need to study these issues before moving forward with any code rewrite, and they need to provide residents and stakeholders additional time for input.

SOS stands with Community Not Commodity, with Austin's families and neighborhoods, and with those who want to protect our natural environment. We hope you will join us!

*The Save Our Springs Alliance works to protect the Edwards Aquifer, its springs and contributing streams, and the natural and cultural heritage of the Hill Country region and its watersheds, with special emphasis on Barton Springs. For more information, see www.sosalliance.org.*

## Input Needed for Transformation of Austin Energy Property

The City of Austin is soliciting community feedback for redevelopment of the 5.4-acre property near the intersection of Ryan Dr. and Justin Ln. Currently underutilized as an Austin Energy storage facility, the City would like resident input to envision the best use of this space near Crestview Station.

A subcommittee of the CNA has created an online survey to gather input. Share your views at www.crestviewna.com/ryan_survey. Survey closes 2/11. If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, contact the CNA at 512-797-5034.

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# Art and Winter

By Marilyn Querejazu

In these last weeks of cold weather, I usually start to daydream of tropical beaches and mango margaritas. Instead of rushing into summer, let's cast our minds toward the Arctic Circle, to the landscapes of Edvard Munch. He lived from 1863 to 1944 and pronounced his name like moonk.

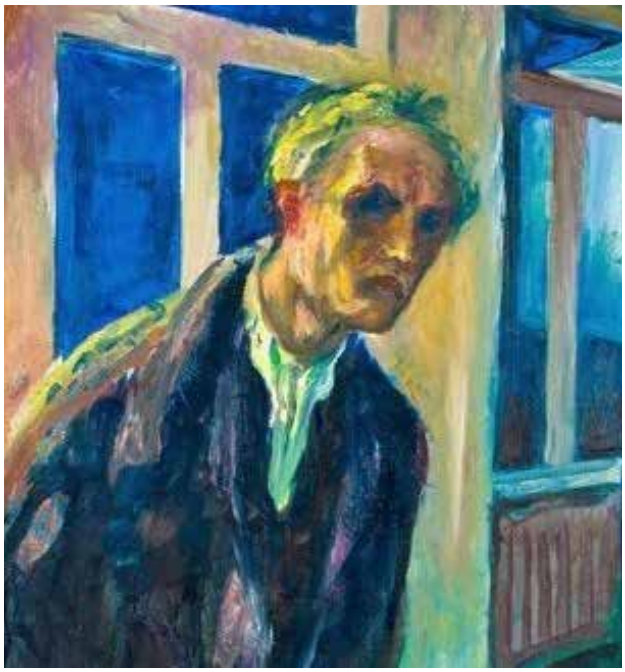
Edvard Munch is the artist of winter, of darkness and foreboding, of long shadows and bright skies. A bleak childhood imprinted this theme on the artist's imagination. Although Munch experienced success as an artist and lived a full and well-traveled life, he always sensed impending sickness, death, and poverty. His life included phases of excess and anguish, and his work records these periods of depression. Munch wrote that he painted what he felt, rather than what he saw – his work is modern art in every sense.

This soulful Norwegian gave the world "The Scream", as well as thousands of works of art over his lifetime. Munch studied the soul and sought to find the meaning of life through his art. His many portraits and self-portraits show his talent at revealing the human spirit.

His legacy includes works of stunning beauty, especially those produced during his advanced years. This site is a good place to see the art and learn more about Munch: www.edvardmunch.org. Don't miss the lovely series he themed on the Oslo Fjord, including "Walkers on the Jetty" and "Ladies on the Bridge". The vibrant colors impart the warmth and calm of a summer's day.

If you'd like to see a Munch painting in person without leaving Texas, the Kimbell Art Museum in Fort Worth has "Girls on the Pier" in their wonderful permanent collection. According to their website it is on view now.

Art historians claim Munch's "The Scream" is one of the most recognizable paintings in the world, along with "Mona Lisa" and "Whistler's Mother". If Munch were alive now, he could text a Scream emoticon and take a selfie wearing a Scream T-shirt.



*Self Portrait, The Night Wanderer*

"The Scream" explodes with strong emotion: anxiety, frustration, or terror – some powerful inner turmoil. The painting strikes a chord universally – who hasn't felt the need to scream? Munch created at least four versions of "The Scream", two of which were stolen from museums and eventually recovered. In 2012 a pastel version of "The Scream" sold for $119.9 million.

"All in all, art represents the need of one human being to communicate with another."

-Edvard Munch 1890.

Closer to home:

- The Women Printmakers of Austin will be exhibiting in the Julia C. Butridge Gallery of the Dougherty Arts Center from January 13 through March 24, 2018. There will be an artist talk on Feb. 8, 2018.
- Save the Date for Neighborhood Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Fair at Faith Lutheran Church, 6600 Woodrow. Saturday, April 14 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Art, crafts and BBQ. Interested in reserving a vendor table? Email rlh5553@yahoo.com for application and additional info.

## Friends of Brentwood Park Spring Work Day

By Denman Glober Netherland, FOBP

Calling All Park Lovers!

It's My Park Day (IMPD) 2018 is scheduled for Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon and is a great opportunity to get outside, give Brentwood Park some love, and meet your neighbors. IMPD is a citywide service day organized by Austin Parks Foundation and Austin Parks and Recreation and sponsored by many local businesses. A special thanks to Eldorado Café, which will be providing tacos for volunteers! Friends of Brentwood Park (FOBP) has organized projects and neighbors for IMPD at Brentwood Park each year since 2010.

Over the next month, FOBP will be sending out emails with information about projects for this year's IMPD and with information about how to register and what to bring. Information will also be available through our facebook page. If you would like to get involved with FOBP's leadership team or with the playground improvement project please let us know! We can be reached through our group email address: friendsofbrentwoodpark@gmail.com.

## Brentwood Elementary School Used Book Sale

By Candace Pruett, Used Book Sale Coordinator

Brentwood Elementary School needs your book donations! The Brentwood Elementary PTA is holding its annual Used Book Sale March 5th – 9th, 2018.

Take advantage of this opportunity to jump-start your spring cleaning and donate:

- Books (children and adult)
- CDs, DVDs, and VHS Tapes
- Puzzles or board games
- School supplies, new or gently used
- Magazines

Items are priced very affordably, from $0.25 to $2.00, so everyone has the chance to buy some great books. Proceeds from the sale will help purchase new books and materials for the Brentwood Elementary School library. Last year, we earned over $2,000.00 for our library and put books into the hands of the students and community at Brentwood. This year our goal is to collect and sell even more!

Donation boxes are located just inside the front doors of Brentwood Elementary, next to the front office. Please drop off your donations by Friday, March 2nd. Need someone to pick up your items? Email Candace Pruett at kandachu@gmail.com.

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## Emergency Home Repair

By Maurice McCloney, Emergency Home Repair Case Manager, Austin Area Urban League

The City of Austin provides funding to the Austin Area Urban League (AAUL) to oversee, administer and carry out all activities of an Emergency Home Repair Program (EHR). The AAUL Housing Department provides Emergency Home Repair to Austin Neighborhoods and helps to keep people in their homes by ensuring low and middle-income Austin residents receive the emergency repairs needed to maintain a healthy living environment. The Emergency Home Repair Program helps homeowners with repairs that pose a threat to life, health or safety. Typical repairs are plumbing, roofing, electrical, heating, air conditioning, and carpentry, etc.

To qualify, applicants must:

- Own and occupy the home being repaired
- Live within the Austin city limits
- Meet income guidelines (below 80% median family income)
- Have repair needs that meet emergency criteria (Emergency Repairs must be demonstrated /documented as alleviating threats to the health and safety of the occupants).

If qualifications are met for the program, repairs are made at no cost to the homeowner. For more information, please call 512-478-7176 Ext 2071, email Maurice_McCloney@aaul.org, or visit our website at www.aaul.org.

## First-Ever Violet Crown Car Show

Join us on Sunday, March 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the Crestview Shopping Center for the first ever Violet Crown Car Show.

With classic cars, live music, food trucks, a petting zoo and face painting, there's fun to be had for the entire family.

This event is being sponsored by the Violet Crown Clubhouse, Ryan Kirk at Capital Stategies, and Juice Homes. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Brentwood Park Playground Improvement Project.

Interested in showing off your car? Email Ryan Kirk for more information: rkirk2@csomtx.com.

## Free Income Tax Help Available

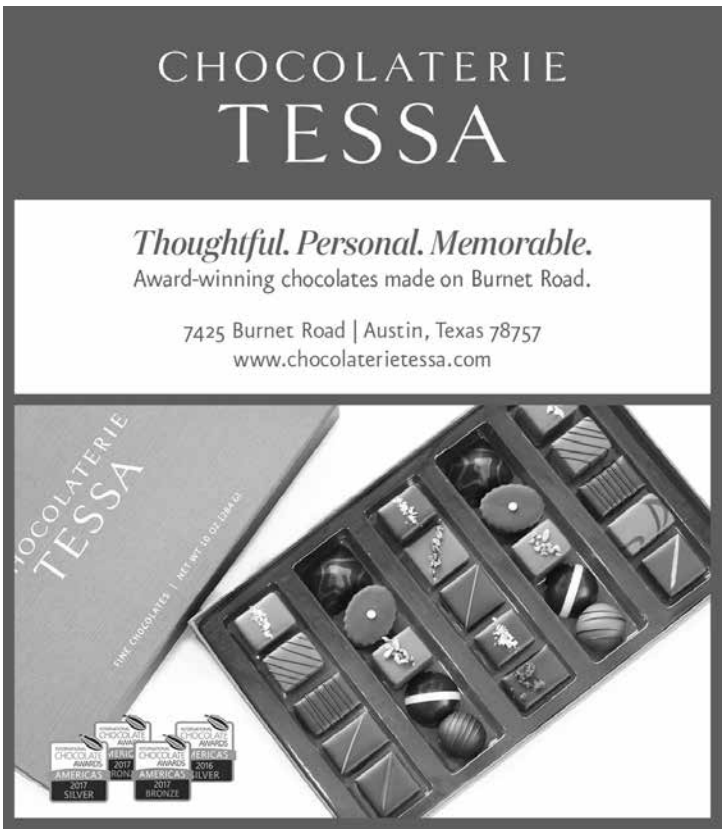
Foundation Communities will be providing free tax help for low-income families and individuals in Austin.

Assistance will be provided until April 17 at the Community Financial Center at 5900 Airport Blvd. For hours and days of operation, visit CommunityTaxCenters.org or call 211 for more information, to schedule an appointment and find out what to bring.

The service is free for individuals and families who make less than $55,000 annually; income eligibility increases by $5,000 for each additional person for families with more than four members.

## Newsletter Advertising Policy Revisions

You may have noticed some "new faces" in the newsletter lately. Beginning with the January 2018 newsletter, new advertising policies designed to give exposure to some Crestview businesses that have been on the waiting list for quite a while went into effect. That doesn't mean that some of our loyal neighborhood advertisers (like Ricky Wilson's Jewelers) aren't around anymore, they are just taking a "break" for a while to let some new folks have a chance to introduce themselves to the neighbors. Thanks to all our advertisers who help support the newsletter!

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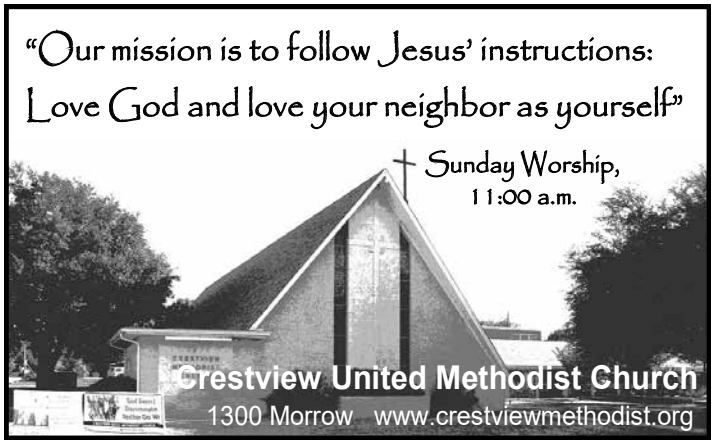
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| Crime | Street | Date | Time |
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| Assault by Threat | 19XX Madison Ave | 12/8/17 | 15:37 |
| Burglary Non Residence | 72XX Easy Wind Dr | 12/10/17 | 12:59 |
| Burglary of Residence | 17XX Richcreek Rd | 12/6/17 | 10:19 |
| Burglary of Residence | 12XX Stobaugh St | 12/17/17 | 23:17 |
| Burglary of Vehicle | 74XX Grover Ave | 12/4/17 | 17:44 |
| Burglary of Vehicle | 77XX Burnet Rd | 12/6/17 | 10:05 |
| Burglary of Vehicle | 17XX Richcreek Rd | 12/19/17 | 10:56 |
| Burglary of Vehicle | 1XXX Anderson Ln | 12/20/17 | 19:16 |
| Burglary of Vehicle | 76XX Wildcat Pass | 12/28/17 | 15:54 |
| Crash/Fail Stop and Render Aid | 75XX Lamar Blvd | 12/11/17 | 22:18 |
| Crash/Leaving the Scene | 7XXX Lamar Blvd | 12/20/17 | 7:52 |
| Crash/Leaving the Scene | 71XX Burnet Rd | 12/22/17 | 15:41 |
| Criminal Mischief | 9XX Taulbee Ln | 12/21/17 | 14:01 |
| DWI | 72XX Lamar Blvd | 12/5/17 | 1:51 |
| DWI | 7XXX Lamar Blvd | 12/31/17 | 2:41 |
| Theft | 1XXX Anderson Ln | 12/5/17 | 19:11 |
| Theft | 15XX Anderson Ln | 12/18/17 | 19:27 |
| Theft | 76XX Burnet Rd | 12/19/17 | 13:05 |
| Theft of Bicycle | 21XX Anderson Ln | 12/7/17 | 17:39 |
| Theft of Service | 9XX Anderson Ln | 12/11/17 | 17:40 |

## February Safety Tip

Hiking and biking on park trails is great fun and an enjoyable chance to get away from it all. Just remember to keep it safe - let some one know where you are going and when you plan to return, so if the unforeseen happens, authorities have a better idea of where to look. Good idea to take a partner, too. And don't forget to take plenty of water in case you get stranded.


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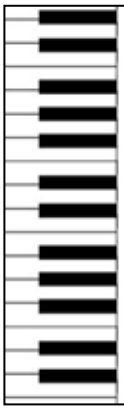

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